

Data Consortium Overview
9-25-07

Background:

The Data Consortium is a public advisory group created to help guide KHPA in the management of programmatic (Medicaid, SCHIP, State Employees Health Benefit Plan, and Workers Compensation) and non-programmatic (Kansas Health Insurance Information System) health data to ensure continued public support and investment in the use of this data to advance health policy. In April 2006, the KHPA Board chartered the data consortium with the responsibility to disseminate this wealth of data, in partnership with stakeholders, in order to ask and answer important health policy questions pertaining to affordability, quality of health care, and health status of Kansans. In light of the broad responsibilities and issues addressed by the Consortium, the Board recommended the establishment of working groups (or consortia) in three specific areas: (1) Health Care Quality; (2) Health Care Pricing; and (3) Public Health/Consumer information, and authorized them to meet up to 6 times each year.

Purpose:

Specific responsibilities of the Data Consortium could include:

- **Make recommendations** regarding the scope of the Authority's responsibilities for managing health data;
- **Recommend reporting standards** and requirements for non-programmatic data owned or managed by the Authority;
- **Craft data use policy recommendations** governing access to health information by external users of both programmatic and non-programmatic data owned or managed by the Authority;
- **Recommend empirical studies and evaluations** supporting the goals and objectives of the Authority;
- **Provide input on health and health care data initiatives** in other organizations and agencies;
- **Develop recommendations for public reporting standards** for health care providers and other health care organizations.

Membership:

Executive Director of the Health Policy Authority (Chair)
Department of Health and Environment
Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Kansas Insurance Department
University of Kansas Medical Center
University of Kansas Medical Center-Wichita
Kansas Health Institute
Kansas Foundation for Medical Care
Kansas Medical Society
Kansas Hospital Association
Kansas Association of Osteopathic Medicine
Kansas Mental Health Association
Kansas Association for the Medically Underserved
Kansas Nurses Association
AARP
Kansas Public Health Association
Kansas Health Care Association (KHCA)
Kansas Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (KAHSA)
Two self-insured employers appointed by Kansas Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Data Consortium Timeline (Tentative):

Oct. 2007	-Start contacting member organizations to assign representatives for the Consortium; -Contact invited speakers (if any, as decided by senior leadership); -Consortium membership finalized; -Schedule preparatory meetings with individual organizational representatives as necessary and gather input on agenda items and expectations
Nov. 2007	- Finalize agenda for first meeting of Consortium - Send out invitations
Dec. 12, 2007	- Tentative date for Kick-off Meeting